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## Times' Expert Will Investigate Gas Companies



JOHN MACVICAR

Expert on Municipalities, Who Will Investigate the Gas Companies

Overcapitalized

### JOHN MACVICAR TO BEGIN FIGHT AGAINST PETITION

Establishes Offices in  
Munsey Building—Asks  
For Help From  
Citizens.

John MacVicar, secretary of the American League of Municipalities, has come to Washington at the solicitation of The Washington Times, looking into the gas question, and decided as a result of the representations of this newspaper to remain and volunteer his services in the contest to prevent the gigantic overcapitalization schemes of the Georgetown and Washington Gas companies.

Mr. MacVicar does not need introduction to people familiar with municipal reform movements of the last decade. He was elected mayor of Des Moines on a reform movement which, after ten years, has culminated in the adoption of the new "Des Moines plan" of city government that is now attracting nationwide attention. His successes in imposing regulation on the unwilling utility corporations of his own city caused his election as first president of the league whose secretary he now is. He has been a student of municipal problems for fifteen years and is an expert in all their aspects.

Invited to Investigate.  
Mr. MacVicar was invited to Washington a week ago by The Washington Times and asked to make a frank, candid inquiry into the gas situation. He was asked to look into the history of the relations of city and gas companies, into the laws and the judicial decisions, and to say, when he had done this, whether the city has a chance to defeat the overcapitalization plans of the gas monopoly.

At the conclusion of his investigation Mr. MacVicar expressed the opinion that the proposed increases of capital are unjustifiable, that they will, if consummated, prevent the city from getting cheaper gas in many years, and that there is a chance to defeat the monopoly if the people of Washington will rise to the effort.

On the strength of this conclusion, Mr. MacVicar was asked to lend his experience and influence to the fight for the citizens of Washington. He finally consented to do so, and has arranged to remain in the city for as long a time as may be necessary.

Will Meet the People.  
Mr. MacVicar will have headquarters in the Munsey building, where he is especially anxious to meet and confer with Washington people who are willing to help in the contest with the gas monopoly. He declares it is the fight

### CHANCE TO CHARGE A NEW BOARD RECOGNIZED

Supporter's Attorney Believes Congress Will Investigate the Complaints.

Today's conference was the second the judges have held on the subject, and lasted nearly an hour, delaying the Bradley trial twenty minutes. As soon as the conference ended, Justice Claiborne summoned Mr. Fulton, who is Dr. Chancellor's counsel, and informed him that the judges had decided that the act which gave them power to appoint members of the board did not bestow upon them the authority to create vacancies in the board.

Later Mr. Fulton said: "This looks as if Congress will be forced to investigate the charges against the board."

### TAFT NEAR WRECK ON SIBERIAN ROAD

KARASNOYARSK, Siberia, Nov. 25.—How narrow an escape Secretary Taft's train had from a serious wreck on the Trans-Siberian railway at Chita yesterday has just leaked out. A switch which should have been closed for its passage was left open instead, and the error was discovered by a railroad employee barely in time to prevent disaster. Had the train been thrown upon the siding it would have crashed into a string of freight cars.

EDINBURGH, Nov. 25.—John Ayling, stepson of John Morley, secretary of state for India, was sentenced today to ten years' penal servitude for forging the names of his stepfather and several Edinburgh merchants to documents representing \$25,000.

Army-Navy Football—Special Trains

## THIRTEEN KILLED IN TENEMENT BY INCENDIARY FIRE

Bodies Found Piled Together in One Room. Black Hand Suspected.

Seven Children Among Victims—Second House Is Fired.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Thirteen persons, seven of whom were children, perished today in a fire, asserted by the police to have been of incendiary origin, which swept the four-story brick tenement at 2121 Second avenue, the northwest corner of 109th street. While the fire was in progress another blaze was discovered at 2112 Second avenue, half a block below the tenement. There are evidences that this fire also was of incendiary origin, and the police believe some one, probably a member of the Black Hand Society, evidently tried to "clean out" the community. The thirteen victims, taken to East 104th Street police station, were so badly burned that in some cases identification will be almost impossible.

The identified thus far are:  
CATARINA BARRICA, twenty-seven;  
JENNIE BARRICA, seven.  
COSIMO BARRICA, four.  
MARY BARRICA, eighteen months.  
PASQUALE CARDINELLI, thirty-four.  
MARIE CARDINELLI, twenty-four, his wife.  
GUIDITTA CARDINELLI, sixty, his mother.  
MORELLO CARDINELLI, seven.  
GIOVANNI CARDINELLI, five.  
DONITO CARDINELLI, four.  
NICOLI CARDINELLI, three.  
—GUIGILLO, two years and six months.

Believe Oil Was Used.  
A saloon occupied the ground floor of the tenement. Approach to the living apartments above is by a stairway on 109th street, directly behind the saloon. It was in this narrow hallway that the fire started. Police and firemen say the rapidly with which the flames spread indicates that oil was used freely.

The thirteen victims were found together, piled in one room on the top floor. All had been overcome trying to reach the fire-escape in the rear of the building.  
When firemen arrived on the scene the flames were gushing from every window.

The combustible nature of the wares in the basement of the liquor establishment made the flames spread with terrible rapidity, and by the time the firemen arrived every floor was ablaze.

The firemen climbed to the roofs of adjoining buildings, from which the tenants had been driven by fear of the blaze, and from those vantage points they poured streams of water into the tenements.

During the fire the tenants in their frenzy fired off revolvers to awaken those who were asleep in the building, and those on the lower floors then rushed down stairs.

The fire at 2112 Second avenue started in a basement under a plumbing shop occupied until recently by S. Fruchter. Twenty-four families occupy the building. Firemen were already at work fighting the other fire when the second blaze was discovered and they made short work of it.

A scuffle which had been noticed, preventing the inmates of the building from reaching the roof after they had climbed to the top floor, is held responsible for the large number of victims by the authorities. An investigation will be made to discover who is responsible for the scuffle being fastened.

THE WEATHER REPORT.  
The storm of Sunday has reached the southeast New England coast with a considerable increase in intensity. It was attended by general rains and snows Sunday and Sunday night in the Middle Atlantic States and New England, with severe northeasterly gales along the New England coast. Over the remainder of the country the weather was fair, except in the north Pacific States.

TEMPERATURE.

SUN TABLE.

TIDE TABLE.

## Long Hypothetical Question Propounded to the Alienists In Defense of Mrs. Bradley



Hypothetical Question  
Length Record-Breaker  
The hypothetical question in the Bradley case, read by Judge Powers to the alienist on the stand today, was 15,000 words long, exceeding in length the famous Thaw question by 2,000 words.

Photograph and sketches of Dr. B. D. Evans, of Baltimore, the noted alienist who has volunteered his services for Mrs. Annie M. Bradley.

### LONG DOCUMENT COVERS 56 PAGES AND 15,000 WORDS

Entire Testimony of  
Prisoner From Childhood Touched Upon.

Like a sad, sordid tale of fiction, and yet a true story of a woman's blasted life, reads the long hypothetical question which Judge Powers, chief counsel for Mrs. Bradley, is putting to the experts today who are to testify whether or not the little woman was insane at the time she sent a bullet crashing through the body of former Senator Arthur Brown.

To those who have not watched the case closely, and to those who did not see the woman tell upon the witness stand her own story, it would seem that there could be but little interest in the perfunctory reading of page after page of matter of this kind. To Mrs. Bradley and to those who understand her, the ordeal was hardly less severe than those through which she has already passed during the trial, for to her every page contained a chapter in her life that she little thought would ever be unfolded.

Thought of Past.

At times Mrs. Bradley, as Judge Powers in abbreviated form, reviewed every portion of her own pathetic story, seemed to be living over again the old days in Salt Lake City, when she offered its sweetest blessings to her and Arthur Brown. Upon these occasions she would close her eyes and drop her head wearily upon her hand, as though in the desperation of her feelings she could stand no more. It was all in the retrospect for Mrs. Bradley. Little incidents that in other days brought her happiness, little love scenes that meant for the time being bliss, meant nothing but pain and grief and remorse when read from cold type today, and she glanced appealingly about the courtroom as if in the agony of memory she wondered if it all would ever end.

Another incident in the day that brought tears to Mrs. Bradley's eyes and a shudder to her form was the reading of the torn bits of a letter she had written some one a short while before she found and slew Senator Brown. These had been picked up in her room at the Raleigh and spoke of a possible need of "defense in case of my rashness." Mrs. Bradley did not look at the torn scraps of paper while they were being shown the jury and witnesses.

Altogether, it was another hard day for Mrs. Bradley. In fact, it seems that they are all hard for the little woman now at the bar of justice.

Finishes After 2 P. M.

Judge Powers concluded his reading of the long hypothetical question shortly after 2 o'clock with the assumption that the pistol was fired intentionally.

Several other questions along the same line were asked Dr. Barton, and his

## THIRTY DIE IN FLAMES AT STORE

Big Cincinnati Dry Goods Concern on Fire.

Three Bodies Are Taken From the Ruins.

Panic Among Saleswomen Adds to the Excitement.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 25.—Fire is raging in the William Windorst dry goods store. Three bodies have been taken from the store. Five dead are still in the ruins. A terrible panic among the saleswomen accompanied the fire.

The firemen now believe that the death list will reach thirty.

The loss will reach \$500,000. The fire was caused by crossed electric wiring in the Main street show window. It spread so quickly that the firemen were unable to check it.

One girl, Miss Julia Hagerdorf, jumped from a third-story window. She is dying in the hospital. Two others, one a cash girl, jumped from the second floor, and were taken to the hospital in a critical condition.

### TERRIBLE STORMS TIE UP SHIPPING OFF NEW ENGLAND

BOSTON, Nov. 25.—The raging nor'easter, which began yesterday morning, passed to the south today and this afternoon is central off Block Island, where a wind of seventy-two miles an hour is reported. The local harbor is crowded with shipping waiting for the sea to go down enough to make it safe to venture out and great anxiety is felt for several craft known to have been caught outside.

The coastwise steamers Chattahoochee and Ontario, from Savannah, are due today, but have not yet been reported. Thus far the only wrecks reported are the Lucy E., which was pounded to pieces last night at Browns island, off Duxbury, and the lumber schooner Cora B. of St. John, N. B. The craft went aground today off Freshwater Cove Bluff, near Gloucester, and will probably be a total loss. The crew were rescued with great difficulty through the ingenuity of the lifesavers, who rigged a rope and plank bridge from the wreck to shallow water.

### MCCRACKENS APPEAR BEFORE GRAND JURY

Mrs. Ruth McCracken, her son, William J. McCracken, and her two daughters, Annie and Ruth, appeared before the grand jury today for preliminary examination on the charge of having swindled local merchants to the extent of about \$10,000.

### CLEVELAND IMPROVED; ALARM IS DISPELLED

PRINCETON, N. J., Nov. 25.—Grove Cleveland, who has been very ill at his home here of intestinal trouble since Thursday, is much better today. Mrs. Cleveland said this morning there is no immediate danger of a recurrence of the malady.

"We are not alarmed now," she said, "and expect an immediate recovery, though he is still very weak."

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### Y. M. C. A. PRAISED FOR ASSISTANCE TO WORKING MAN

Secretary of Commerce and Labor Oscar S. Straus was the chief speaker at this morning's session of the Young Men's Christian Association in D. A. R. Hall. Mr. Straus took for his theme "The Association and Its Relation to the Workingman."

Mr. Straus called attention to the vast number of opportunities which are open to citizens of this country, and said that because of this fact it is therefore more necessary to teach the average man and woman to value and appreciate the blessings that are guaranteed to all alike under the system of free institutions of the United States.

Prosperity of Country.  
The Secretary also spoke of the great prosperity which the United States is now enjoying. In talking along this line he said:

"There is no lack of present-day problems. That is not because there are more evils to redress, more wrongs to be righted, more helpless and ignorant to be cared for; on the contrary, the rights of the many were never more jealously guarded, there were never more remunerative employments, better wages paid, and never more of the comforts of life enjoyed by greater number than in our day and in our country."

He then went on to speak of the growth of democracy and of the need for better understanding between capital and labor. Continuing, he said that the Young Men's Christian Association could do more than any other organization in bringing these conditions.

"An association like this," said Mr. Straus, "whose foundations are laid upon the broad principles of religion as distinguished from narrow sectarian purposes, and whose aim is patriotic and humanitarian, can do much to bring about a better understanding and more harmonious relations between the industrial forces, to whose united efforts is due the material prosperity of our people."

It can do much to instill into the lives of our people, the employer as

### DIDN'T SIGN NOTES, SAY EMPLOYEES OF WALSH INTERESTS

Supposed Endorsers Say  
Ruse Was Worked to  
Get Signatures.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—Supposed signers of notes for millions of dollars, found among the Walsh bank assets today, declared they were unaware of the existence of these "securities" until notified by the Government. Walsh and his assistants, the Government alleges, drew the names they used from the pay roll of the bank's enterprises. Without being consulted some of these men testified their names were affixed to notes for \$2,000 apiece.

J. F. Jackson, passenger agent for the Wisconsin and Michigan, a Walsh "trunk line," he denied he authorized Walsh to sign his name to a note for \$2,000 on which the banker obtained this amount. One million dollars of the Walsh bonds were used as collateral. It is thirty-five miles long, having towns of less than 4,000 population each on its line.

Other witnesses who testified they knew nothing about notes for \$2,000 apiece to which their names were attached were: J. T. Reddings, traffic manager of the railroad; W. S. Wilder, a railroad builder, formerly with the Southern Missouri railway; L. R. Witte, trainmaster for the Southern Indiana road; W. R. Hicks and N. E. Stibbets, physicians for the Wisconsin and Michigan railroad.

Henry L. Rosier, a private banker of St. Genevieve, Mo., denied having signed a note for \$2,000 which was found among the assets of the Chicago National Bank.

Fred W. McLean, former assistant cashier of the Chicago National Bank, was recalled. He identified seventeen notes which he said he executed on Walsh's orders, signing the names given him by the banker. These notes were paid with cashier "slips" as corroborated as they fell due. The notes were all secured by bonds of the Illinois Southern railway.

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